

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a bearing housing for a rotary shaft ~~of the type~~ comprising a bearing cap and a relatively massive component ~~connected thereto~~, said bearing cap and said massive component defining respective semi-circular recesses, which cooperate to define a circular hole in which said rotary shaft may be received, the method comprising:

connecting said bearing cap to said massive component,

deforming at least two spaced portions of one of said bearing cap and said massive component, deforming at least two spaced portions of one of said bearing cap and said massive component into intimate contact with the other of said bearing cap and said massive component, so as to define a unique relocation position for said bearing cap with respect to said massive component, wherein said at least two spaced portions comprise two projecting lugs on opposite sides of said circular hole,

boring said circular hole in said bearing cap and said massive component,

removing said bearing cap,

inserting said shaft into said semi-circular recess ~~afforded by~~ of said massive component, and

reconnecting said bearing cap to said massive component.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said bearing cap and said massive component ~~afford~~ comprise substantially semi-circular recesses before said bearing cap is connected to said massive component for the first time.

3. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 1, ~~or 2~~ wherein said bearing cap ~~affords~~ comprises said two projecting lugs, which are diametrically offset with respect to said circular hole to be formed ~~and the method includes deforming said two lugs into intimate contact with said massive component.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said circular hole has an axis and said massive component has an engagement surface, which is engaged by said bearing cap, and

wherein said massive component is so shaped that, when said spaced portions of said bearing cap are deformed into contact with ~~it~~ said massive component, relative movement of said bearing cap and said massive component is positively prevented in ~~both the~~ an axial direction of said axis of said circular hole, ~~and a first~~ direction, which is perpendicular to said axis, and a second direction, which is perpendicular to said axis and the first direction and substantially parallel to a ~~direction parallel to~~ said engagement surface of said massive component, which is engaged by said bearing cap.

5. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said massive component ~~has an~~ has an upstanding formation ~~which affords comprising~~ said engagement surface which is engaged by said bearing cap,

wherein said upstanding formation having two outer side surfaces directed away from each other,

wherein said outer side surfaces having a respective recess formed therein, ~~them~~

into which a ~~respective portion of~~ said spaced portions ~~is~~ are deformed, respectively.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~The~~ method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said engagement surface of said massive component, which is engaged by said bearing cap, has spaced holes formed therein ~~it~~ on each side of said semi-circular recess and said spaced portions of said bearing cap are deformed into said spaced holes.